

Curriculum Committee & Graduate Council- Bulletin 2 Hearings

November 16, 2012 - 10:45 a.m. – Noon

@MMC GL 835/@ BBCLIB 155

Curriculum Committee Members present: Shahid Hamid (BU), Chair, Joel Galand (CARTA), Vrushail Patil (AS), M.O. Thirunarayanan (ED), Nagarajan Prabakar (EG), Twila Mae Logan (SHTM), Fred Blevens for Carlos Suris (SJMC), Noah Weisbord (Law), Ava Iuliano (Library), Michelle Odai (CNHS), Quentin Felty (CPHSW)

Graduate Council members present: Adis Beesting (Library), Fred Blevens (SJMC), Chair, Winifred Newman (CARTA), Karlene Cousins (BU), Liz Cramer (ED), Mary Tanke (SHTM), Rita Mukhopadhyay (COM), Matthew Mirow (Law), Kang K. Yen (CEC), Pey-Shan Wen (CNHS), Alok Deoraj (CPHSW), Lidia Kos, (Graduate School)

Hearings:

NAME: [New Graduate Degree Program: International Crime and Justice](#)

CONTACT: Lisa Stolzenberg

Lisa Stolzenberg presented the proposal for a New Graduate Degree in International Crime and Justice. Every year 150 teaching positions are available and the field is under represented. There are currently 108 CJ programs, with a large teaching demand for the graduates of this program. It's a unique program that will be offered as a hybrid. The department's MA has been fully online since 2006. Online students will have to come in to take dissertation defense and their comprehensive exams. It is a fully funded program, and the program has excess funds to enable international students to fulfill on-campus requirements.

Discussion

- Quality of online programs was debated. Conceptual issues were discussed. Residency requirement not present in the proposal, so it should be reviewed as a fully online program. Delusion of reputation of program is a concern as the proposal uses Capella & NSU's online programs as basis for comparison.
- Committee members addressed various concerns, including the lack of collaboration with the College of Law and the exclusion of the expertise currently available in the College. The proposal overlooks how this program could be developed with input from the College of Law.
- 50% of the materials listed on pg. 33 are legal resources and the International Law Librarian must be consulted to assure that student access to resources is not adversely impacted.
- The University offering Online PhD programs requires a broader discussion on what that means for FIU as an institution.
- Substantive concerns on curriculum design and need for consultation with faculty with additional expertise were noted.

- Online degrees lack the opportunity for research collaboration, social acculturation to academia and a much richer academic experience included in the acquisition of the degree.

Committee Action Items:

- Policy clarifications were noted and no UGS policy on residency was found in the Graduate Catalog. The Graduate Council must review this issue.
- The CC & GC will discuss how online doctoral programs are developed and approved.

A motion to **table** the proposal for a **New Graduate Degree in International Crime and Justice** was moved and unanimously approved by the Graduate Council and the University Curriculum Committee. The College of Law & the Criminal Justice department will collaborate and resubmit the proposal.

NAME: [New Graduate Track: Philosophy](#)

CONTACT: Kenton Harris

Kenton Harris presented the proposal. Committee asked to check on missing signature. It's missing on the proposal, but should be on the original. No further issues or concerns were raised regarding this proposal.

A motion to **approve** the proposal for a **New Graduate Track in Philosophy** for the Masters in Liberal Studies was moved and unanimously approved by the Graduate Council and the University Curriculum Committee.

NAME: [Establish Unit-Specific Graduate Admission Standards](#)

CONTACT: Alma Abdel-Moty

Alma Abdel-Moty presented the Unit's reasons to add the GRE as a requirement for admission to their graduate program. Need to review Hearing policy. Is a hearing required when a unit is increasing the requirement for admission?

A motion to **approve** the proposal was moved and unanimously approved by the Graduate Council.

NAME: [Changes to a Graduate Degree Program: Biomedical Engineering](#)

CONTACT:Chenzhong Li

Motion to **table** the proposal passed unanimously as no representative from the department was there to present the proposal. Also, noted that the Curriculum Committee should be included in the hearing if the changes are substantive enough to require a hearing.

Adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adis Beesting, Secretary, Graduate Council